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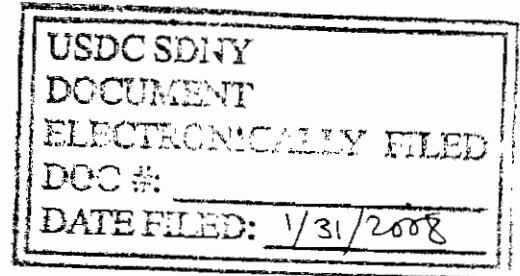
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BY FACSIMILE

Honorable Deborah A. Batts
United States District Judge
Southern District of New York
500 Pearl Street
New York, NY 10007



Re: United States v. Alan Schaefer
07 Cr. 498 (DAB)

Dear Judge Batts:

Without objection from the government, this letter is respectfully submitted on behalf of Alan Schaefer to request a thirty-day enlargement of his time to file pre-trial motions, until March 3, 2008. The primary reason for this request is that a very serious family medical matter has taken me out of the office for extended periods during the past several weeks and I have been unable to devote the time needed to prepare the motions. As I informed the Court at the last conference, I do expect the motions in this case to be substantial and the requested adjournment will afford me the time needed to complete them.

Commensurate with all the dates in the current pre-trial motion schedule, I respectfully suggest that the schedule be modified, as follows:

Mr. Schaefer's motions: March 3, 2008
Government response: March 31, 2008
Mr. Schaefer's reply: April 21, 2008

The next conference in this matter shall be held on Monday, June 2, 2008 at 11:00 A.M. In the interest of justice, pursuant to the Speedy Trial Act, time is hereby excluded until Monday, June 2, 2008. 15/ DAB 1/31/2008

The next scheduled appearance in this matter is April 21, 2008, at 4 p.m., a date the Court may wish to change in view of this application.

SO ORDERED

Deborah A. Batts
DEBORAH A. BATTS
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE SA
1/31/2008

Respectfully submitted,

Gary G. Becker
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Granted, schedule approved 1/31/2008

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